

Letter from a Young Woman

Greensboro, N.C.
February 12, 1938

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt,

On January 1st, I was layed off from my work leaving my brother the whole support of our family. Just recently he was cut down to 3 days a week with a cut in salary. With seven of us in the family it is just about impossible for us to live on this amount . . .

I am 18 years of age the oldest girl in the family, and it just seems impossible for me to get a job any where. I have been to Mills, Stores and Firms of all sorts. I am willing and able to work. Can furnish excellent references but at this time of the year it just seems impossible to find work.

We are so in debt and each week the bills are piling higher and higher that it seems as if there was no way out.

We must make a payment on our furniture bill, and if it isn't paid soon they will be out any day for our furniture. And of top of this we are behind in our rent.

It would be a big help if we could get some of our bills paid on as they are already impatient for their money.

If you could help us out with from \$ 35.00 to \$ 50.00 I believe we would be the happiest family in the world . . .

Just as soon as I get back to work and the family is on their feet again I will pay you back as much a week as possible until your kind favor has been fully repaid.

My Father's work has been very poor for the past year, he is an advertising salesman, and his work right now is practically nothing . . .

Please grant me this favor and I will ever be,

Gratefully yours

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